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To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of September 4, 2008, the shortened statutory period for response to which has been extended to January 5, 2009 (the first business day following January 4, 2009), please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.